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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Attn: Office of Petitions Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Amendments

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, please amend as follows:

In the Specification

Please substitute for the specification originally submitted in the above-identified application the specification accompanying this request which was incorporated by reference in the application. (37 CFR §1.121(3)).

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I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being transmitted via facsimile to Technology Center 1600 (Art Unit 1642) 703-872-9306, Attn: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 29 day of May 2002?

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